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13:1 Surely vain are all men by nature, who are ignorant of God, and could not out of the good things that are seen know him that is: neither by considering the works, did they acknowledge the work-master;

13:2 But deemed



either fire, or wind, or
the swift air, or the
circle of the stars, or
the violent water, or
the lights of heaven to
be the gods which
govern the world:

13:3 With whose
beauty, if they being
delighted, took them
to be gods: let them
know how much
better the Lord of
them is; for the first



**Author of beauty hath
created them.**

**13:4 But if they were
astonished at their
power and virtue, let
them understand by
them, how much
mightier he is that
made them.**

**13:5 For by the
greatness and beauty
of the creatures,
proportionably the
Maker of them is seen.**



13:6 But yet for this they are the less to be blamed: for they peradventure err seeking God, and desirous to find him.

13:7 For being conversant in his works, they search him diligently, and believe their sight: because the things are beautiful that are seen.



13:8 Howbeit, neither
are they to be
pardoned.

13:9 For if they were
able to know so much,
that they could aim at
the world; how did
they not sooner find
out the Lord thereof?

13:10 But miserable are
they, and in dead
things is their hope,
who call them gods
which are the works of



men's hands, gold and silver, to shew art in, and resemblances of beasts, or a stone good for nothing, the work of an ancient hand.

13: 11 Now a carpenter that felleth timber, after he hath sawn down a tree meet for the purpose, and taken off all the bark skilfully round about,



and hath wrought
it handsomely, and
made a vessel thereof
fit for the service
of man's life:

13:12 And after
spending the refuse
of his work to dress
his meat, hath
filled himself:

13:13 And taking the
very refuse among
those which served to
no use (being a



crooked piece of wood, and full of knots) hath carved it diligently when he had nothing else to do, and formed it by the skill of his understanding, and fashioned it to the image of a man:

13:14 Or made it like some vile beast, laying it over with vermilion, and with



paint, colouring it red,
and covering every
spot therein:

13:15 And when he had
made a convenient
room for it, set it in a
wall, and made it fast
with iron:

13:16 For he provided
for it, that it might not
fall: knowing that it
was unable to help
itself, (for it is an
image, and hath



need of help:)

13:17 Then maketh he
prayer for his goods,
for his wife and
children, and is not
ashamed to speak
to that which
hath no life.

13:18 For health,
he calleth upon that
which is weak: for life,
prayeth to that
which is dead:
for aide, humbly



**beseecheth that which
hath least means to
help: and for a good
journey, he asketh of
that which cannot set
a foot forward:**

**13:19 And for gaining
and getting, and for
good success of his
hands, asketh ability
to do, of him that is
most unable to
do any thing.**

